

CHILD IMMUNIZATION RATES

Description of Indicator

This indicator measures the percentage of children receiving basic immunization requirements by age 2 in Orange County compared to the State between 1993 and 1997. The basic immunization series includes four diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus (DPT), three polio, and one mumps, measles and rubella (MMR).

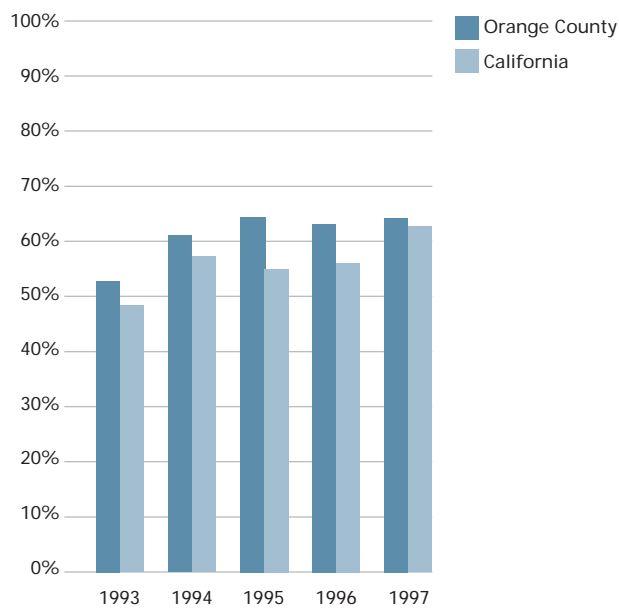
Why is it Important?

Immunization is considered to be one of the most important interventions available for preventing serious diseases among infants and children. The national health benchmarking program, Healthy People 2000, immunization objective is to increase the proportion of 2-year old children receiving basic immunizations to 90% by the year 2000.

How is Orange County Doing?

Overall, the rate of immunizations has increased from 1993 to 1997. Among children 2 years of age or younger, Orange County has higher immunization rates than the state average between 1993 and 1997. Despite this fact, Orange County still falls below the Healthy People 2000 goal of 90% of children 2 years of age receiving the basic immunization series.

Percent of Children 2 yrs. of Age Receiving Immunization



Source: Orange County Health Care Agency, 1999